

**Arkansas Health Information Technology (HIT) Executive Committee Meeting
Dr. Joseph Thompson, Surgeon General, State of Arkansas
Friday, May 21, 2010
1401 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 300 Victory Building
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
11:00 AM to 12:30 PM**

Chairman: Ray Scott, MSW, Arkansas State HIT Coordinator

EC members present

John Ahlen
John Selig
David Wroten
Jerry Bradshaw
Tom Harbuck
Jean Block
Frank Scott

Alternates Present

Mary Leath (for Paul Halverson)
Herschel Cleveland (for Claire Bailey)
Jake Bleed (for Ann Purvis)

Observers Present

Lindsey Clark	Eugene Gessow	Shirley Tyson	Ray Scott
Bill Golden	David Nelsen	Debbie Hopkins	Jonathan Fuchs
Kathryn Hazelett	Kym Patterson	Blake Perry	
George Platt	Amy Rossi	Nancy Archer	
Jason Lee	Jerry Pack	James Penrod	
LaJaun Schumacher	Alisa Logan	Melinda Wilkins	

Quorum present

Meeting Notes

- Meeting was called to order by Ray Scott at 11:16 AM
- Ray reviewed the previous meeting minutes.
 - Jerry Bradshaw made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and Mary Leath seconded the motion. The HIT Executive Committee unanimously approved the previous meeting minutes.

Announcement of the Executive Order

- Frank Scott and Ray Scott gave a brief overview of the Executive Order

- Ray answered questions regarding coordinating HIT related activities with other state agencies and expectations.
 - Ray answered questions related to the need for taking a statewide inventory of what activities were currently taking place in the state
 - John Ahlen provided comments
- Ray announced that a transition plan was in the works for when elements in the Executive Order would take place
- Target date for that transition is July 1

Strategic plan update

- Ray announced that our current strategic plan is going through an external review process with Fox and we have an opportunity for a pre-submission review with our ONC project officer
- June 8 is the target date for submission

ONC Update

- Ray, Amy Rossi, and Kathryn Hazelett attend the first official ONC summit last week in Alexandria, Virginia
- A focal point of the discussion was the National Health Information Network (NHIN) and its various forms
- Amy commented that there is a lack of clear communication among key Federal agencies
- Kathryn commented that other states have similar questions as Arkansas and we can now work collaboratively with others in these states to get questions answered

RFI Process

- Ray provided a brief update on the RFI process and that 29 vendors responded
- John Ahlen provided comments

Medicaid update

- Debbie Hopkins provided a brief update on the Medicaid Advance Planning Document, Medicaid Management Information Systems(MMIS), and health care reform changes to Medicaid
- Medicaid needs to submit a state Medicaid HIT plan to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and plans are to submit this in late summer
- Medicaid issued an RFI for MMIS replacement
- Debbie Hopkins and Eugene Gessow provided clarification that Medicaid would not be providing a central hub for the statewide HIE but the intent was to show Medicaid was prepared to help with the statewide HIE

REC update

- Jonathan Fuchs provided an update on the 295 applications received from physicians representing 92 different providers
- Jonathan also provided an update on the new hires for the Regional Extension Centers

- Ray announced that there will be no Executive Committee Meeting next Friday, May 28th
- Meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM